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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Mr. Sisson expressed concern over the "background features" fairly encompassing nucleic acid molecules that are partially complementary or are complementary but hybridize at a lower temperature than that of the target nucleic acid. Mr. Sisson noted that the application teaches that the background probes do not hybridize to their complementary sequence, which is different from not hybridizing under stringent conditions. Mr. Field authorized an examiner's amendment whereby said claims 13 and 28 would be amended so to reflect that the background features do not hybridize to their complementary sequence.